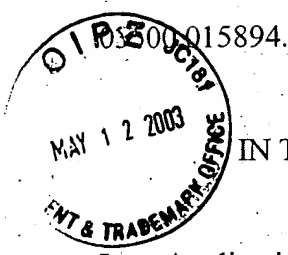


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKAHARU KONDO, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2003 for one month, from April 9, 2003 to May 9, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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Signature Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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